



Maryland Agriculture Data

Weekly Crop and Weather Report



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Soybean Harvest Progressing Well

Cloudy skies coupled with periods of rain, especially in the Western part of the state, allowed for 5.1 **days suitable for field work** for the week ending October 31, 2004. **Corn** for grain harvest was 87 percent complete, up slightly from last year and the five-year average. Good progress was made for **soybean** harvest increasing 10 percent from 29 percent to 39 percent complete. **Sorghum** harvest was 84 percent complete, 2 percent above last year and well above the five-year average. **Apple** harvest was 93 percent complete.

Planting of **winter wheat** increased 16 percent from 54 percent to 70 percent planted and was in good to excellent condition. **Barley** was 90 percent planted and in good to excellent condition. **Pasture** was rated 26 percent excellent, 45 percent good, 20 percent fair, 7 percent poor, and 2 percent very poor. **Hay supplies** were rated 8 percent surplus, 73 percent adequate, 13 percent short, and 6 percent very short.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2004 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1999-2003
Harvesting Progress:				
Apples	93	91	94	94
Corn for Grain	87	82	82	85
Sorghum	84	78	82	73
Soybeans	39	29	39	47
Hay Harvested:				
Alfalfa Hay 4 th Cutting	89	86	76	89
Alfalfa Hay 5 th Cutting	35	31	12	46
Other Hay 4 th Cutting	86	75	89	89
Planted Progress:				
Barley	90	80	89	91
Winter Wheat	70	54	70	64

CROP CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2004 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture	2	7	20	45	26
Barley	3	4	8	54	31
Winter Wheat	2	2	8	56	32

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2004 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	0	12	79	9
Topsoil (2003)	0	3	77	19
Five Year Avg	6	20	64	10
Subsoil Moisture	2	8	83	7
Subsoil (2003)	0	1	83	16
Five Year Avg	10	22	62	6

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CLIMATE REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING 10/31/2004

Maryland	County	Temperature			Departure from Normal
		Max	Min	Avg	
		Degrees F			
FROSTBURG 2	Garrett	73	37	51.7	6.7
MCHENRY 2 NW	Garrett	-	-	-	-
CUMBERLAND 2	Allegany	77	43	55.7	6.1
SMITHSBURG 2 NW	Washington	73*	41*	53.8*	-
SHARPSBURG 5 S	Washington	74	42	53.8	-
BALTIMORE/WASH ARPT	Baltimore	76	43	56.3	5.3
CONOWINGO DAM	Harford	-	-	-	-
SALISBURY AIRPORT	Wicomico	78	37	54.1	0.6
MECHANICSVILLE 5 NE	St. Marys	63*	44*	52.4*	-0.3
EASTON POLICE BRKS	Talbot	69*	45*	56.8*	-
Delaware					
WILMINGTON AIRPORT	New Castle	76	41	55.0	3.4
WILMINGTON PORTER RSV	New Castle	62	42	52.5	1.0
GREENWOOD 2 NE	Sussex	69*	42*	55.9*	3.9

Maryland	County	Growing Degree Days	Departure from Normal	Precipitation (Inches)	Departure from Normal
FROSTBURG 2	Garrett	38	12	0.75	-0.03
MCHENRY 2 NW	Garrett	-	-	0.07*	-0.72
CUMBERLAND 2	Allegany	54	5	0.47	-0.16
SMITHSBURG 2 NW	Washington	37*	-	0.06*	-
SHARPSBURG 5 S	Washington	46	-	0.03	-
BALTIMORE/WASH ARPT	Baltimore	56	6	0.04	-0.64
CONOWINGO DAM	Harford	-	-	0.75	-0.01
SALISBURY AIRPORT	Wicomico	58	0	0.02	-0.75
MECHANICSVILLE 5 NE	St. Marys	29*	-23	0.09*	-0.75
EASTON POLICE BRKS	Talbot	50*	-	0.08*	-
Delaware					
WILMINGTON AIRPORT	New Castle	52	6	0.27	-0.39
WILMINGTON PORTER RSV	New Castle	32	-10	0.41	-0.31
GREENWOOD 2 NE	Sussex	34*	-19	0.00*	-0.66

*indicates incomplete weekly value
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